

Please amend claims 15 and 16 as follows:

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15. (Twice Amended) A flux coating apparatus according to claim 14, wherein a clearance between the pair of pressure plates in a vicinity of a fin inlet side is set greater than a height of the corrugated component.

16. (Twice Amended) A flux coating apparatus according to claim 15, wherein end portions at the fin inlet side of respective pressure plates are tapered outward.

Please add the following new claims 22-25.

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22. (New) A flux coating apparatus comprising:
a pair of endless coating belts which are vertically spaced at a predetermined interval so as to be mutually opposed and rotated in opposite directions, said endless coating belts being brought into contact with an upwardly projecting surface of an aluminum component to be introduced between a clearance between opposing portions of said endless coating belts, wherein the apparatus is configured to apply a coating material comprising a fluid mixture containing flux to the upwardly during a course of feeding the corrugated fin in a single direction; and

a pair of pressure plates for pressing the opposing portions of said endless coating belts against the upwardly projecting surface of the component.

23. (New) A flux coating apparatus according to claim 14, wherein a clearance between the pair of pressure plates in a vicinity of a component inlet side is set greater than a height of the corrugated component.

24. (New) A flux coating apparatus according to claim 15, wherein end portions at the component inlet side of respective pressure plates are tapered outward.

25. (New) A flux coating apparatus according to claim 14, wherein said endless coating belt comprises elastic material so that the surface of the endless coating belt is elastically brought into contact with the upwardly projecting surface of the corrugated fin.